REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the non-final Office Action dated October 10, 2006. Claims 1-28 are now pending, with Claims 1, 6, 9, and 14 in independent form. The independent claims have been amended to further define the --preferential document-processing feature-- to distinguish these claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,441,919, as discussed below. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification at least at page 6, lines 3-8 of the specification. The independent claims also have been amended as to matters of form, such amendments submitted not to narrow the scope of these claims. Claims 21-28 have been added to provide Applicants a more complete scope of protection. Support for these claims can be found in the specification at least at page 6, lines 29-31 and page 9, lines 4-12. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,441,919 (Parker et al.). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the amended claims are patentable over the Parker et al. Patent for at least the following reasons.

Independent Claim 1 requires a method of customizing a print job, the method including the steps of receiving an input of an application file; receiving a selection of a preferential document-processing feature from a group of document-processing features for the print job; and applying a plug-in module, for supporting the preferential document-processing feature, to the application file. Claim 1 also requires that the preferential document-processing feature be configured to control (a) how at least two pages of the print job are printed, (b) a visual appearance of at least two pages of the print job, or (c) physical characteristics of at least two pages of the print job.

Applicants understand the position taken by the Office Action to be that either the PDF objects or pages processed by the rasterizer-compositors 27a-27n (FIG. 1) of the Parker et al. Patent teach the preferential document-processing feature of Claim 1. (See paragraph # 4 of the Office Action. See also col. 8, lines 54-59 and FIG. 3 of the Parker et al. Patent. Further, see also col. 5, lines 31-35; col. 7, lines 3-6, 15-18, 22-25, 33-36, 39-42, and 63-66; and col. 8, lines 9-13 of the Parker et al. Patent.) However, Claim 1 now requires that the
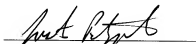
preferential document-processing feature be configured to control (a) how at least two pages of the print job are printed, (b) a visual appearance of at least two pages of the print job, or (c) physical characteristics of at least two pages of the print job. Applicants respectfully submit that the PDF objects and pages processed by the rasterizer-compositors 27a-27n do not meet this definition of "preferential document-processing feature" now recited in Claim 1, because such objects and pages each affect only a single page of a print job and each are not features that affect at least two pages of a print job. (The Parker et al. Patent is understood to teach that each rasterizer-compositor either processes a single reusable object at a time or all of the objects on a single page at a time, both of which do not affect at least two pages of a print job.) For at least this reason, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over the Parker et al. Patent.

The other independent claims include the same or a similar feature to that described above in connection with Claim 1 and are submitted to be patentable for at least the same reason discussed above.

The remaining claims in this application depend from one of the independent claims discussed above and are submitted to be patentable for at least the same reason. However, since each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, individual consideration or reconsideration, as the case may be, of each dependent claim on its own merits is respectfully requested. For example, newly added dependent Claims 21-28 require that the plug-in module supports only the selected preferential document-processing feature or that the plug-in module is identified based at least upon a PDL comment in the application file, neither of which are believed to be taught or suggested by the Parker et al. Patent.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and the allowance of the present application.

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